

Natoaganeg School

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Welcome back! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer holiday.

In the last few days students have been given various permission slips and registration forms. Please ensure these are filled out and returned to the school as soon as possible. It is very important that the school has the most up to date information for students. Phone numbers and address changes must be reported to school administration as it is imperative that staff have reliable information so they can communicate with parents/guardians.



Elder Magit Poulette will be coming to visit our school on September 24th to share her story with students about her experience at the Shubenacadie Residential School. You can read more about Magit's story at www.mawitamk.org

Please be reminded to have your child dressed appropriately for the weather. The students go outside for recess and gym class when the weather permits.

The school bus will be making its morning run starting at 7:55am, dropping students off at the school at approximately 8:10 am.

If your child is in K4- Grade 2 and is using school bus please remember that the student must be accompanied to and from the bus stop. Even if the bus stop is at the end of your driveway. A parent or guardian must be visible to the bus driver when students are being dropped off at the end of the day. For safety reasons small children should not be left unattended at the bus stops.

Please read the guidelines below regarding the Bus Policy.

What should my child know about school bus safety?

The Department of Education has prepared a school bus safety presentation and safety guidelines which can be viewed at <http://www.gnb.ca/0000/transport-e.asp>.

Please encourage your child:

- to be at the bus stop at least 5 minutes early.
- to wait patiently at the bus stop and not engage in horseplay.
- to be careful getting on and off the bus.
- to sit quietly and keep their hands to themselves while on the bus.
- always obey the instructions of their school bus driver.

Is there anything that parents should be particularly aware of?

There must be a parent/guardian waiting at the bus stop for grades K-2 students.

If there is not someone available, the student will be returned to their school and parents/guardians contacted for pickup of their child.

I have an infant at home; can I have a closer bus stop?

No, your child's transportation is governed by the same policies as other families who do not have infants at home. It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to get your child to and from the bus stop in both the morning and afternoon.

If my child is in Grade K, 1, or 2, should I be at the bus stop to meet him?

For your child's safety and your peace of mind, someone should be at the stop to meet any student who is in grades K-2. The driver cannot wait at the stop to watch all the students walk to their homes. Also, very young students may get lost or distracted on the way home. Please have someone there who will make sure your child gets home safely. Remember, it is your responsibility to make sure your child is safe to and from the bus stop.



More information about transportation standards, guidelines, and safety can also be found on the [Provincial Pu Transportation website](http://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/departments/education/k12/content/transportation.htm).

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Attendance Policy

School attendance is taken at 8:30 a.m. Your child is late at 8:31 a.m. Breakfast is served from 8:05 – 8:25 am. Walkers should arrive as close to 8:05 am as possible (especially if they are eating breakfast).

All students arriving after 8:31 am are considered late and **parents must sign them in at the office before going to class.**

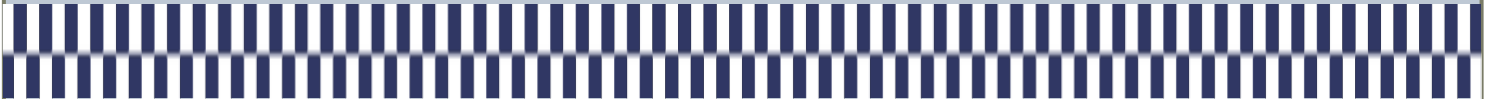
All students being dropped off after 8:31 am must arrive through the main doors of the building. **Parents please walk your child into school and sign the late form.**

NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN

We're always at school Perfect Attendance Program

The goal is to promote attendance at school, encourage punctuality, and discourage tardiness. Everyday that a class has perfect attendance they will receive a letter from the phrase **NEKAW NAQSI P+SIN**

The first class to spell out this phrase will receive a pizza party or ice cream party at the end of the week in which they won.



SUCCESSFUL NEWSLETTER DELIVERY BALLOT

Sign below to indicate that your son/daughter has delivered to you this month's newsletter. Have your child return this ballot to the ballot box located at the school office **by Wednesday September 26, 2018**. At the end of the month a draw will be made for a gift certificate from all the ballots that are returned.

Parents Signature

Child's name

Grade

Mi'kmaq Monday

An initiative we are starting in our school is **Mi'kmaq Monday**.

Every Monday we will have a smudge in the drum of the school to start the week and encourage students and staff to wear something of cultural importance to them such as braided hair, beaded items, culturally positive clothing, moccasins, etc..

We want our students to reclaim their cultural identity and we are looking forward to implementing any other cultural initiatives or ideas they have!

MI'KMAQ WORD OF THE DAY

Everyday during morning announcements we will announce a new Mi'kmaq word along with the meaning. We will encourage all staff and students to practice these words.

Orange t-shirt day – Friday September 28th 9am

Natoaganeg school staff and students will be participating by wearing orange t-shirts and walking in support of residential school survivors and the principle that every child matters. We will be having guest speakers and light refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The events were designed to commemorate the residential school experience, to witness and honour the healing journey of the survivors and their families, and to commit to the ongoing process of reconciliation.

www.orangeshirtday.org

Orange T-Shirt Day is an opportunity for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope for generations of children to come.





8:05 - 8:25am -
Breakfast

8:30am - Classes Begin

10:10 - 10:25am Recess

10:30- 11:00am SWI

12:00pm -12:45pm -
Lunch

12:45 - 2:35pm -
Regular Classes

K4 students are
dismissed at **2pm**

K5 students are
dismissed at **2pm.**

Grade 1-8 are dismissed
at **2:35 pm.**

**The last Friday of each
month is early
dismissal @ 11:45am
for all
students.**

Our Teaching Staff :

Principal Terri Anne Larry

K4 Kyle Dunnett, EA Mary Dale Haddad

K5 Bev O'Leary, EA Erin Bateman, EA Sylvia Miller

Grade 1/2 Kara Cooper, EA Sarah Cooper

Grade 3/4 Kayla Mutch, EA Karen Francis

Grade 5 Kelsey Davidson, EA Jackie White, EA Isaac
MacInnis

Grade 6/7 Serena Harris, EA Ev Gray , EA Felicia Dedam

Grade 8 Joe Canistro, EA Christina Sullivan

Mi'kmaq Culture Mary Ginnish, Natalie Larry

Phys. Ed & Health Jessica Dunnett

Math Mentor Hillary Manuel

Literacy Lead/ Resource Jenny Sonier

PATHS Coordinator (Social Emotional Learning)Emily Case

Bus Driver Trenton Francis

Fall sports will be starting
the week of September 17th
for students in grades 3 – 8.
Students are asked to see
Mrs. Dunnett if they are
interested in participating.

More information will be
sent home once it is
available.

PATHS® IN OUR SCHOOL



Parents...have you ever heard of the PATHS® program? PATHS® stands for **P**romoting **A**lternative **T**hinking **S**trategies, and is an award winning program aimed at helping schools teach social-emotional skills throughout the day- skills that will help children at any age; such as friendship skills, how to deal with strong emotions, and make good decisions. Research studies clearly show the benefits that this type of learning has on children's academic performance, ability to succeed with goals and get along with others.

Our school is excited to be teaching PATHS® curriculum in our school this year up to grade 5. And will be implementing other Social/Emotional programs for grades 6 – 8.

Throughout the year, we will be sharing with you aspects of the program that your children are learning through PATHS® in the classroom.

Code of Conduct

- Arrive on time and be prepared to learn.
- Be polite to children and adults
- Work hard to be successful
- Respect our environment

The Code of Conduct has shown improved student behaviour last school year and we are aspiring for our students to continue demonstrating their ability to show good character. This document will bring current school behaviours, policies and practices together with Policy 703 NB Student Code of Conduct. There is an increased emphasis on intervention, training, and consequences that are planned to help students learn how to behave rather than just punishment. There might be times when behaviour warrants detention or suspension. The school staff has practiced this philosophy and we have seen great success in the past school years. The emphasis is to create a culture of acceptable behaviour within the school. Students will be expected to behave appropriately in a variety of situations including playground, lunch, hallways classroom and when a supply teacher is present. We believe that all students are capable of behaving well, so it is our job to equip them with the necessary skills to do so.